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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES, INC.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That I, the undersigned, resident of the United States of America, of full age of majority, have for the purpose of forming a nonprofit religious corporation pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida, for the purposes expressed in Article III hereof, adopted the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Corporation shall be **HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES, INC.** The duration of this corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE II.

The name and address of the Registered Agent of the corporation in the State of Florida is GARY A. STONEKING, 8606 Purvis Road, Lithia, Florida 33547-2600. His signature, infra, indicates his acceptance of this designation. The address of the principle office of the corporation in the State of Florida is 8606 Purvis Road, Lithia, Florida 33547-2600. This will also serve as the mailing address of the corporation.

ARTICLE III.

The Board of Trustees shall conduct all the business of the corporation and shall be the only voting members of the corporation. The number of Trustees and their qualifications shall be established in the Bylaws of this corporation. The Board of Trustees shall manage the affairs of the corporation and be elected annually. The Trustees shall act as Directors of the corporation.

ARTICLE IV.

This nonprofit corporation is organized and operated exclusively for the religious, charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the United States of America including, for such purposes, but not limited to. The establishing and maintaining of churches, outreach services and ministries internationally and such other religious, charitable or educational institutions as may be appropriate in accordance with said tax exempt purposes and further including the training and preparation of ministers and counselors, the evangelizing of the unsaved by the proclaiming of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, the educating of believers in a manner consistent with the requirements of Holy Scripture.

In furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes, the corporation shall have the following powers and authority; however, the corporation shall not be empowered, and is prohibited from, engaging in any activity which is not allowed pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the United States of America:

- (a) To operate under the name as set forth in Article I above;
- (b) To employ qualified counsel and other necessary personnel to carry out the purposes of this corporation;
- (c) To adopt and use a corporate seal;
- (d) To earnestly seek and promote the unity of God's people in a scriptural manner of Godly love, respect and faithful voluntary cooperation with liberty. To that end it may associate and cooperate freely with other ministries and with missionary organizations and branches; as a free and independent ministry in accord with its own conscience and the wisdom of God, as the corporation perceives it to be, but in every case and in every act and in pursuance of or adoption of any policy or method or practice or association does and shall do so as an independent ministry, always retaining its sovereignty and independence, and in no case whatsoever as an act of subject in nor precedent or

amenability nor as an active or passive or implied affiliation nor in any way as relinquishing its perpetual legal independence and sovereignty as a church and/or ministry.

- (e) To receive offerings and property by gift, devise or bequest subject to the laws relating to the transfer of property by gift or will.
- (f) To act as Trustee under any trust incidental to the principal objects of the corporation and to receive, hold, administer and expand funds and property subject to such trust.
- (g) To take, purchase or otherwise acquire; to own, hold, occupy, use and enjoy; manage, improve, develop and work; to grant, sell, exchange, let, demise and otherwise dispose of real estate, buildings and improvements and every right, interest and estate therein without limit as to the amount thereof and wheresoever the same may be situated; to erect, construct, alter and repair buildings; to assume any and every kind of contract, agreement and obligation by or with any person, firm, corporation or association, or any federal, state or other government for the erection, construction, alteration, repair, renewal, equipment, improvement, development, use, enjoyment, leasing, management or control of any buildings, improvements or structures of any kind wherever the same may be situated.
- (h) To enter into, make, perform and carry out contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose without limit as to amount and with any person, firm, association or corporation; to draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, issue and execute promissory notes, warrants and other negotiable or transferable interests.
- (i) To purchase or otherwise acquire, to own, hold, use and enjoy, to sell, assign and transfer, exchange or otherwise dispose of, deal in or deal with personal property of every kind and description without limit as to the amount thereof and wheresoever the same may be situated.

- (j) To borrow and to loan money and to give and to receive evidence of indebtedness and security there for; to draw, make, accept, endorse, execute and issue promissory notes, warrants and other debentures of the corporation, or otherwise to make guarantees of every kind and secure any or all obligations of the corporation by mortgage, trust deed or otherwise.
- (k) By the Board of Trustees to appoint such officers and employees as may be decreed proper; define their authority and duties; fix their compensation; require bonds of such of them as it deems advisable and to fix the penalty thereof for any good reason and appoint others to fill their places.
- (l) By its Board of Trustees, to adopt or rescind bylaws regulating and providing for:
 - (i) A definite and distinct ecclesiastical government;
 - (ii) A formal code of doctrine and discipline;
 - (iii) An organization of ordained ministers;
 - (iv) A literature of the ministry;
 - (v) Schools for the preparation of its ministers, evangelists and teachers;
 - (vi) Residential outreach services;
 - (vii) Family support outreach services;
 - (viii) Humanity awareness in the community;
 - (ix) To establish clothing and food banks;
 - (x) To adopt and assume names in furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes;
 - (xi) To use any and all media, including but not limited to print, television, and radio, in the furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes;
 - (xii) To assume our share of the responsibility and the privilege of propagating the Gospel of Jesus Christ;

- (xiii) To do all other acts necessary or expedient for the administration of the affairs and attainment of their purposes of the corporation and to have and exercise all the powers now or hereafter conferred by the laws of the State of Florida;
- (xiv) To exercise such other and incidental powers as may reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes for which the corporation is established, provided that such incidental powers shall be exercised in a manner consistent with its tax-exempt status as a religious organization as set forth in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the United States of America.
- (xv) The several clauses contained in this Article III shall be construed both as purposes and powers and the statements contained in each clause shall, except where otherwise expressed, be in no wise limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of the any other clauses, but shall be regarded as independent purposes and powers. Notwithstanding any provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall NOT carry on or engage in any activity nor permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the United States of America, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the United States of America.
- (xvi) None of the income or assets of the corporation inure to the benefit of any member of the Board of Trustees, officer or employee of the corporation, private individual or business entity.

ARTICLE V.

To assure the corporation of its sovereignty and independence and to perpetually protect the Ministry, all ecclesiastical and legal power and authority relative to the corporation shall be exercised by

and in accordance with the New Testament pattern. Thus under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, the Board of Trustees shall conduct all the business of the corporation (Ministry) and shall be the only voting members of the corporation (Ministry). The number of Trustees and their qualifications shall be established in the Bylaws of this corporation. The Board of Trustees shall manage the affairs of the corporation and be elected annually. The Trustees shall act as Directors of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI.

This nonprofit corporation is formed without any purpose of pecuniary profit and shall have no capital stock.

ARTICLE VII.

The private property of the Trustees of the corporation shall be non-assessable and shall not be subject of any corporate debts, nor shall the Trustees become individually or corporately liable or responsible for any debts of the corporation.


ARTICLE VIII.

Upon dissolution, the corporation shall revert to and become the property of an eleemosynary institution accorded tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the United States of America, to be designated by the Board of Trustees; provided, however, that the just debts and liabilities of the corporation shall be first paid. Upon dissolution, none of the assets or property of the corporation shall devolve to the benefit of any member, private individual or business except as provided above in Article VII.

ARTICLE IX.

These Articles may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board of Trustees or at a special meeting called for that purpose, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

DATED this 24th day of March 2004

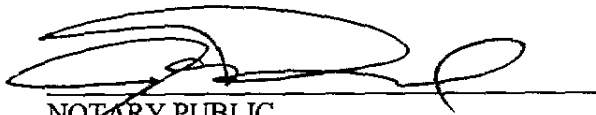

GARY A. STONEKING

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF POLK**

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, duly authorized to take acknowledgments, personally appeared, GARY A. STONEKING, known to me to be the person described as Incorporator in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, or who has produced a driver's license as identification and who acknowledged before me (and who did not take an oath) that he executed the same.

WITNESS MY hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 2nd day of March 2004.




NOTARY PUBLIC


**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED AGENT AND PLACE OF BUSINESS OR
DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA, AND ACCEPTANCE OF
AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS
MAY BE SERVED**

In compliance with the laws of Florida, the following is submitted:

That **HOPE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES, INC.**, desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, the corporation named in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation has named **GARY A. STONEKING**, whose address is 8606 Purvis Road, Lithia, Florida 33547-2600, as its statutory registered agent.

Having been named statutory agent of said corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the same and agree to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with provisions of Florida law relative to keeping the registered office open.

DATED this 24th day of March 2004.


GARY A. STONEKING
Incorporator

The Incorporator is Gary A. Stoneking whose address is
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